REMARKS

The above amendments are made without prejudice.

Claim 6 has been amended to correct its dependency and claim 5 has been amended and new claims 8-12 have been added to avoid multiple dependent claim format.

For the above reasons, it is considered that the claims, as amended, find support in the application specification as filed, and that the combination of elements recited in the pending claims, as amended, are ready for examination.

Respectfully submitted,

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